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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### UNMARKED CHILDREN'S GRAVE DEMANDS REFLECTION BY ALL

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE STAFF (10/04/07)

A few were buried in coffins. Most were laid to rest under a scattering of pine boughs.

The mass grave of children and babies, more than two dozen of them, was uncovered by a contractor's blade last month on the Blackfeet Reservation.

They lay outside the government-run Willow Creek boarding school, a turn-of-the century establishment described by one historian as a "gothic horror," as reported by Tribune Projects Editor Eric Newhouse.

### SECURITY ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION GOES LARGELY UNSUPPORTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By MARTIN J. KIDSTON - Independent Record (09/25/07)



George Lane IR Staff Photographer - Robert DesRosier, a member of the Blackfeet Nation Homeland Security, stands in front of a National Guard helicopter used to patrol the border.

CUT BANK —Robert DesRosier looks north into Canada and east toward the

Blackfeet Indian Reservation, he admits that if he were a smuggler, or perhaps a terrorist, he would take advantage of the reservation's

lack of security.

DesRosier, a tall and easy speaking man, is one of just two tribal members working to secure the reservation's 65 miles of international border. It's a daunting task and one DesRosier says goes largely unsupported by the federal government.

"The things that come through here could affect the rest of the nation," he said after a scouting flight over the border. "But one of the things that affects us the most with Homeland Security is that we don't often get the money to operate or maintain a good border protection program."

### THE FIRST HELENANS

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record (09/23/07)

Some histories are written on paper. Others are revealed by landscapes, rocks, bones and human memory.

Now new computer technologies and archaeological investigations in the past decade are re-



Photo provided - One likely early migration route was along the West Coast and inland channels of the Northwest. Images used with this story were gathered for the Montana Office of Public Instruction as part of its Indian Education For All program

vealing data and discoveries that have historians rethinking the early history of the Americas, including that of the Helena Valley.

"The canon (of history) is being rewritten," said historian Nicholas Vrooman, who is also interim director of the Helena Indian Alliance.

"Much of American history can be found by looking at one place on the face of the Earth and watching it transform over time. The Helena Valley is such a place," he said.

### **CHAMPION FOR RIGHTS**

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record (09/27/07)

When Robert "Tim" Coulter started working in 1977 to pass a United Nations declaration protecting the rights of indigenous peoples, he was a young, idealistic attorney, sporting a waist-length, dark-brown pony tail.

On Sept. 13, the Helena attorney finally saw his 30 years of work come to fruition when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the landmark Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

At the time work on the declaration began, Coulter, the founder and executive director of the Indian Law Resource Center in Helena, was representing land claims of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

He and others organized an international conference in September 1977 in Geneva, Switzerland, on discrimination against indigenous populations in the Americas.

"When we first began, it was my idea that we go to the United Nations to seek a declaration," he said.

### **SAMHSA AWARDS NEARLY \$65 MILLION TO TRIBAL PROGRAMS**

*UM, SKC and MT/WY Tribal Leaders Council among recipients*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will provide almost \$65 million in multiyear grants to tribal organizations serving the mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. These awards are contingent on the availability of appropriated funds.

These newly awarded grants are in addition to more than \$49 million in multiyear grants that were awarded to tribal service providers by SAMHSA during fiscal year 2006. Last year, SAMHSA initiated a new policy geared toward expanding tribal eligibility to more grant programs. Grants were awarded to 12 tribal service organizations across the country in fiscal year 2006. This fiscal year, 19 tribal service organizations received grants.

### **11TH ANNUAL HARVEST MOON BALL BREAKS RECORDS FOR RAISING FUNDS**

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (10/03/07)

"Well, we always say it was the best, but this year I think was our best of the best," said Elouise Cobell, who welcomed guests and made introductions at the 11th Annual Harvest Moon Ball, held Saturday, Sept. 29, at the East Glacier Park Lodge. As of Tuesday, Oct. 2, the grand total for the evening's sales, which included a silent and a live auction as well as four pieces created on the spot by the "Quick Draw" artists, stood at \$100,866.

It is the most money raised in any Harvest Moon Ball to date.

Cobell estimated more than 50 works of art were offered during the silent



This year's featured artist was Howard Pepion, who had several works for sale in the auction. This piece, called "Thundering Herd," fetched \$1,150 in the live auction. Photo by John McGill

auction while another 40 appeared in the live auction that followed dinner. Not only was the amount of money raised for the Blackfeet Community Foundation the largest ever, the event also sold out well in advance of last Saturday's festivities. Bidding was lively and active, with many pieces fetching in excess of \$1,000 during the evening.

"We completely sold out the second week in September, and we had a long waiting list," Cobell said. The crowd was sizeable, with Native American Bank claiming some 64 spots at tables around the dining area.

"People are finding out we have wonderful art," said Cobell. "The quality of the art was spectacular."

Funds raised at the auction are split down the middle with the artists, with half going to the Blackfeet Community Foundation's endowment. "We didn't give out grants until last year because that's when the Community Foundation felt we had enough to do it," said Cobell. The endowment is intended to grow sufficiently to allow grants to be made from the interest alone, and last year funding was given to both the Arts in the Park event prior to North American Indian Days and to the Blackfeet Land Trust. The Cuts Wood School is also in the final stages of finishing the paperwork to become the Foundation's third grantee for last year.

"Next year we want to give grants to community projects," Cobell said. "They probably won't be large; there will be smaller amounts to fund smaller projects, but when we reach the higher end [of the endowment total] it will probably mean bigger grants. We're looking at contributing to events for culture, art, language and protecting the land. That's our focus for this year."

### **COUNCIL ESTABLISHES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION TO SERVE AS BUFFER BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

By STEVE JUNEAU-Blackfeet Department of Public Safety, Glacier Reporter (10/03/07)

Integrity: a Department of Public Safety cornerstone-  
Definition: Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code. As expressed in the motto of the Department of Public Safety, integrity is a cornerstone of the organization. This is demonstrated through our approach to selecting and hiring quality candidates, to our commitment to developing community partnership, and excellence through the results of crime reduction and improved quality of life.

Public Safety Commission: In support of the integrity of the new Department of Public Safety, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council passed resolution 311-2007 which established the Public Safety Commission. The commission is responsible to serve as a neutral buffer between the government and law enforcement. The Blackfeet Tribe will elect qualified commissioners next summer. Election requirements include minimum of five years law enforcement experience, no felony convictions, and must pass an extensive background investigation per 25 CFR and Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Act.

The new Public Safety Commission will be established to serve as an independent body to provide consistent and responsive leadership separate from political changes in tribal government.

### **SENATE SEEKS SOLUTIONS TO JURISDICTIONAL, LEGAL 'MAZE'**

JERRY REYNOLDS / Indian Country Today© (10/05/07)

WASHINGTON - Amnesty International's "Maze of Injustice" report on violence against Native women continued to make headway in the world at a Sept. 27 Senate Committee on Indian Affairs oversight hearing.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., the committee chairman, emphasized solutions and said he will sponsor a bill this year to clarify the thicket of jurisdictional considerations - the "maze" of the report title - that often delay or defeat justice for victims of violence on reservations, according

to several witnesses.

Among them was Karen Artichoker, director of the Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women. She joined others in describing reservations as a prowling ground for sexual predators who know that court-imposed restrictions on tribal authority over non-Indians, sentencing limitations placed by Congress on tribal courts and inadequate BIA law enforcement resources mean perpetrators of sexual assault will meet with "little or no accountability for their crimes."

### Census Bureau Announces Award of 2010 Census Communications Contract

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU NEWS (09/06/07)

The Census Bureau today announced that it has awarded its 2010 Census communications contract, worth an estimated \$200 million, to Draftfcb of New York. Draftfcb is a full-service marketing communications agency that is part of the Interpublic Group of communications companies.

"It's absolutely vital that everyone participate in the census, and as our nation becomes more diverse, the challenge of reaching everyone becomes greater," said Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. "This requires a large, complex, behavior-change campaign, especially one that reaches historically hard-to-count populations."

Working with Draftfcb will be a team of partner agencies that specialize in reaching minority audiences, including Global Hue (black and Hispanic audiences), IW Group (Asian and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander audiences), **G&G (American Indian and Alaska Native audiences)** and Allied Media (other emerging audiences).

The contractor's efforts will support the 2010 Census goals of increasing mail response, enhancing cooperation with enumerators, improving overall accuracy and reducing the differential undercount.

The contractor's first assignment will be to work with the Census Bureau and its stakeholders to develop a plan for an integrated communications campaign encompassing advertising, partnerships and media relations.

The one-year contract has up to three option years, ending Sept. 30, 2011. Work on the contract begins immediately.

## JOB VACANCIES:

### JOB OPENING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The School of JOURNALISM at The University of Montana seeks an **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** for a tenure-track position who will join us in August 2008. **QUALIFICATIONS** We will give strong preference to candidates with a master's degree in journalism or a related field, who have at least five years of significant full-time professional journalism experience. Candidates with a bachelor's degree and a national reputation in photojournalism and multimedia storytelling may be competitive. Experience in teaching at the college level is preferred. **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES** Ability to teach courses in still and video photojournalism, print and Web design, and multimedia. Commitment to conducting research and producing creative work in photojournalism and/or multimedia fields. Student advising and service are also required. **SALARY** Competitive and commensurate with experience. **TO APPLY** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin Nov. 15. Send application letter, vita and portfolio of work to  
Keith Graham  
Chair, Search Committee  
The University of Montana  
School of Journalism  
32 Campus Drive  
Missoula, MT 59812

The University of Montana/Dept. of COMMUNICATION STUDIES invites applications for a position at the **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** level to begin in August, 2008. Applicants should have primary expertise in organizational communication, along with secondary interests that complement departmental needs, which include but are not confined to, social influence/communication campaigns, organizational rhetoric, communication in non-profit organizations, intercultural and international communication, small group communication, or health communication. Outstanding applicants will be able to document excellence in teaching and scholarship potential and concern with socially significant issues. Applicants must have completed the Ph.D. degree, or be very close to completion.

**Applications:** We will begin review of applications on November 4 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and evidence of excellence in both teaching and scholarship. Please send applications to Betsy Wackernagel Bach, Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Montana-Missoula, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812 ([betsy.bach@umontana.edu](mailto:betsy.bach@umontana.edu)). The department offers a work environment that is stimulating, congenial, and dedicated to strong teaching and research. The University is located in Missoula, a northern Rockies city of 80,000 that is often singled out in national publications for its quality of life. AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans' Preference Employer. Please visit our website at [www.umt.edu/dcs](http://www.umt.edu/dcs).

### JOB OPENING WITH THE DEPT. OF COMMERCE

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, POSITION #: 35101**  
State of Montana, Dept. of Commerce, Business Resources Division, Helena. PAY BAND: 6; STATUS: Permanent, Full Time; JOB CODE: 131936 SUPPLEMENT: No; **ANNUAL SALARY: \$36,192 - \$45,240.** (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Continuation of position beyond June 2010 is contingent upon funding. **Application Deadline:** Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. **Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of October 10, 2007.** The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to [docapplicants@mt.gov](mailto:docapplicants@mt.gov).

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**Special Information: PLEASE PROVIDE A COMPLETED AND SIGNED STATE OF MONTANA APPLICATION FORM, ANSWERS**

**TO THE SUPPLEMENT QUESTIONS AND A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS. TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.** Applications submitted for this vacant position may be used to fill future openings that occur within six months of the closing date. **EXCELLENT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA.**

## **GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **TRIBAL COLLEGES RECEIVE GRANTS FOR TRUCK DRIVING AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT SCHOOL**

(HELENA) The Montana Department of Transportation announced today that the Salish and Kootenai College in Pablo and Fort Peck Community College in Poplar are the recipients of grant funding for their truck driving and heavy equipment schools. SKC has been awarded \$427,305 and Fort Peck has been awarded \$204,889.

"These colleges play an important roll in highway construction by training heavy equipment operators and truck drivers," said MDT Director Jim Lynch. "MDT's \$350 million-a-year highway construction program provides good paying jobs throughout the state, and the industry is always in need of skilled individuals."

The SKC truck driving and heavy equipment school has been operating since 1998. Since that time, 191 students have graduated and 154 of those students have been placed in jobs. The average starting annual wage is \$38,397. Fort Peck's school has been operating since 2006, has graduated 14 students and placed ten at an average starting annual wage of \$30,600.

Funding of the On-the-Job Training Supportive Services Program is through the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered through the Montana Department of Transportation. The program provides on-the-job training/supportive services projects with a primary focus on increasing the representation of minorities and women in highway construction and transportation related careers.

The OJT/SS program provides Native Americans and women with training services focusing on recruitment and financial aid application and packaging, through admission, registration, career counseling, job placement services and retention. The program includes tutoring and daycare for participants in the highway construction industry.

For more information, please contact Sheila Cozzie at (406) 444-6335. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592 or dial Montana Relay at 711.

## **EVENTS/TRAINING:**

### **Conference to Provide "State-of-the-Art" Training for Diabetes Treatment**

The early registration deadline for an upcoming conference for health-care professionals on the treatment and management of diabetes is fast approaching.

The 2007 Building Champions for Diabetes Care and Prevention conference is planned for Oct. 11-12 at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel in Helena. The cost to attend is \$95 for those who register on or before Friday, Sept. 28 and \$115

thereafter.

"The focus of this year's conference is to provide state-of-the-art training for the management of type 1 and type 2 diabetes for physicians and other healthcare providers who care for patients with diabetes," said Susan Day of the Montana Diabetes Project, a program of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Specific topics to be covered include sessions on the latest research and treatment, depression in diabetes, communicating with the patient and nicotine replacement therapy.

The nationally recognized faculty includes Dr. Irl Hirsch, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, Wa.; Betty Brackenridge, director, Diabetes Management & Training Centers, Phoenix, Ariz.; Darrin Calhoun, Ph.D., clinical psychology, Thermopolis, Wyo.; and Dr. Greg Holzman, State of Michigan chief medical executive.

The conference is sponsored by the Montana Diabetes Project, the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy and the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Continuing education credits will be available to physicians, pharmacists, dietitians and nurses.

To register for the conference either call the University of Montana Conferences and Institutes at (406) 243-2979 or go to [www.umt.edu/ce/cps/mtdiabetesconference.htm](http://www.umt.edu/ce/cps/mtdiabetesconference.htm)

For more information, contact Day at (406) 444-6677 or email [sday@mt.gov](mailto:sday@mt.gov).